

**TOWN OF DAVIE
WORKSHOP MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Truex, Vice-Mayor Crowley, and Councilmember Caletka. Also present were Town Administrator Shimun and Assistant Town Clerk McDaniel recording the meeting. Councilmembers Paul and Starkey were absent.

Fire Chief Don DiPetrillo advised that staff had been directed to explore the possibility of purchasing land adjacent to Station 68 and an appraiser had provided a value for the land. He requested that Council not disclose the value because the Town might enter into negotiations with the landowner, and asked for Council's direction. Mr. Shimun confirmed that the funds to purchase the property would be added to the capital budget and would come from the bond money.

Chief DiPetrillo informed Vice-Mayor Crowley that this parcel plus the adjoining parcel would accommodate the station and was slightly smaller than staff had envisioned. Chief DiPetrillo said there had been concerns regarding the cell tower and the collapse zone, which hit the middle of the road. The fire station would lie outside the collapse zone. The Town's other options included seeking another property in the immediate vicinity or trying to find a builder in the area, neither of which staff had been able to do.

Vice-Mayor Crowley was concerned that locating the station on 26th Street would make it more difficult to serve United Ranches. Chief DiPetrillo explained that the 26th Street location would result in an additional half-minute response time.

Assistant Town Administrator Ken Cohen suggested that staff return to negotiations with Mr. Woods to see if he would lower the asking price, and staff could also consider the 26th Street location. Mr. Cohen said that staff should be able to accomplish this within 30 to 40 days and would provide a report to Council.

Councilmember Caletka felt Council should not be seeking new property if they had property in the existing inventory that could be used, so he favored the 26th Street location.

Chief DiPetrillo said the Fire Department would be moving to Shenandoah for an anticipated stay of 60 to 90 days. He said there was a contract out to repair the roof, and the air conditioner repair would be next. The union had agreed to sign off on each process.

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Approved _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk